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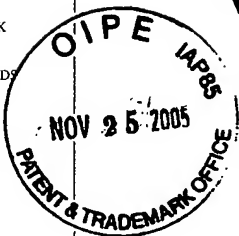
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Examiner:	Mark Hellner)

TRANSMITTAL FOR WRITTEN REQUEST FOR STATUS UPDATE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Written Request for Status Update for entry in the above-identified application.

Dated this 22 day of November, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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WRITTEN REQUEST FOR STATUS UPDATE

Dear Sir:

Please provide us with an update regarding the status of the above-identified patent application.

An Office Action was received dated September 21, 2004 from the United States Patent & Trademark Office. Before the Office Action was responded to, a Notice of Allowance was received dated January 3, 2005. On February 7, 2005 PTO Supervisor Tom Black left a voice mail with our office stating that he believed that the serial number appearing on the Notice of Allowance was

incorrect and that the Notice of Allowance did not correspond to this application. We were instructed by the primary examiner, Mark Hellner, to respond to the September 21, 2004 Office Action but not to the Notice of Allowance. A Response under 37 CFR § 1.111 was mailed on February 22, 2005, but was entered by the PTO as an Amendment under Rule 312. Our office then received a Notice of Allowance dated June 21, 2005, however there was no fee sheet attached and no reference to the Patent Term Adjustment. A call was placed to Examiner Hellner on August 22, 2005 who stated that there has been confusion with this file and that he would send out a new Notice of Allowance no later than August 26, 2005. On September 19, 2005 after not having received the new Notice of Allowance, another call was placed to Examiner Hellner who stated that he had not yet been able to mail out the Notice of Allowance, but would do so that week. To date, the Notice of Allowance has not yet been received by our office. Accordingly, please notify our office of the status of this application and what further steps Applicant is required to take to ensure the prosecution of this application.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

DATED this 22 day of November, 2005.

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